Strike by Employees and Officers of HCL

822. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees and officers in all the units of the Hindustan Cables Limited had gone on strike for 24 hours on 26th and 27th July, 2001; and

(b) if so, the demand raised and the steps taken to solve their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The employees & officers of Hindustan Cables Limited (HCL) observed one day strike on 26th July, 2001.

(b) The strike was to protest against the decision of the Government to disinvestments in HCL. HCL is a non-strategic PSU and disinvestments has to be undertaken in accordance with the Government policy announced and debated in Parliament. To satisfy employee's concerns, the management has been holding discussions and also giving written communications. A meeting of all union representatives was also convened by the Government in Delhi where the Government policy and the employee's concerns were explained in detail.

Privatisation of CCI

823. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to privatize Cement Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the detail thereof;

(c) the estimated investment of private investors and individuals in the CCI's public deposit scheme as on date; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to return the deposits of the public and non-profit institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Cement Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) is a sick company